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NOTE: in an interesting paper (Fibiger, M. *Lepidoptera N. S.* III 307-311 (1980) and Kaaber, S. *Lepidoptera N. S.* IV 41-29 (1982) ) the authors consider the status of the *Eupithecia* couples *absinthiata/goossensiata* and *innotata/fraxinata*. Their major conclusion on the former pair, based on morphology, genitalia examination and captive breeding is that *E. goossensiata* is but a race or subspecies of *absinthiata*. In Denmark *goossensiata* is widely distributed on sandy soil, whereas *absinthiata* is mainly restricted to woodland habitats on clay soil. PAS.

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OCHTHERA SPP. (DIPT.: EPHYDRIDAE): A CORRECTION. — In 1983, *Ent. Rec.* 95: 154 I reported a specimen of the uncommon fly *Ochthera mantis* Deg. from Catfield Fen, Norfolk, remarking that I had no knowledge of its distribution. Since that was written, however, Dr. A. G. Irwin has published an important paper in which he distinguishes a third British species of the genus, *Ochthera manicata* F., and shows that all captures in E. Anglia known to him, centring on this small area of N. E. Norfolk, are referable to *O. manicata* (1985, *Ent. mon. Mag.* 121: 151-4). It therefore is no surprise that my Catfield specimen is now found to belong to the last-named species and not *O. mantis*; particularly as it has occurred at the same locality to both Dr. Irwin and also Dr. J. W. Ismay (Irwin, *l.c.*). *O. mantis* on the other hand, though thinly scattered over the British Isles, is not hitherto known from that region. — A. A. ALLEN.